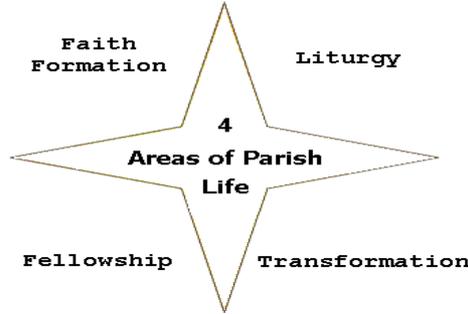




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**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 16 - 17, 2019**

**Sunday 9:00 AM**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 7:00 PM**

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**MASSES**

Thursday	Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	OLV @ 10:00 am	<b>All Parishioners of OLV &amp; St. Malachy</b>
Saturday	Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	<b>Sister Alma Lavell</b> by Ann & Bill Price
Sunday	Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 am	<b>Peter Burke</b> by Ethel & Nancy Pearson <b>Irene Cosgrove</b> by Nicole Charbonneau <b>Angus Baker</b> by Claude, Dorothy, Robert & Edward <b>Kay &amp; Elmer Delcourt, Ricky Laframboise &amp; Pearl Middlestead</b> by Elma & Philippe Laframboise

**WEEKLY RECEIPTS**

**OLV**

**ST. MALACHY**

Feb 9-10, 2019 - Sunday Offering

\$607.00

\$294.00

**Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop February 2019**

“Let us pray that the economical, relational, intellectual, cultural as well as spiritual rights of all impoverished people around us be recognized.”

**Question I ask myself:** Am I inclined to distance myself from intellectually disabled persons? Do I know of the organization Droit Accès de l’Outaouais?

**Countdown for Lent**

**Lent** is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God. **Are we ready to begin our journey on March 6<sup>th</sup>? Ash Wednesday service will be at OLV on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.**

## Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

### Blessedness and Lack of it!

Popular belief tends to suggest that wealth, health, power and influence are the source of true happiness. The Gospel does not always agree with popular belief. Today's readings teach us that true happiness or beatitude lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving heavenly Father and that we will be happy only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need and work to uplift them, thus declaring our "*option for the poor*," as Jesus did (Fr Kadavil A).

Like other teachers of Israel, Jeremiah in the **First reading** uses the image in two ways: the way of life and blessing, and the way of death and malediction. He describes true happiness as consisting in our placing our trust in God and in putting our trust in His promises. In the first part of today's reading, Jeremiah describes the way of malediction where he speaks about the wicked and what he looks like. In the second part he describes the blessed man as one who trusts in God, who is like a tree planted by the waterside, unaffected by drought, and who never stops bearing fruits. Thus if we choose God as our hope, our security and our happiness, we will be blessed, truly happy. But if we choose human standards for our guides, ourselves as our source of security and the meeting of our own needs and desires as our happiness, we will find ourselves living in increasing misery and confusion. This is what the prophet points out.

The **second reading** gives reasons why we must have the courage to detach our hearts from earthly riches. Our life in this world is only a passing moment, the full and final life will only come after this is over. St. Paul says that trust and hope in the Resurrection are the basis of our faith, of our own resurrection and of our eternal bliss. This means that all the blessings of the Beatitudes are now available to us, provided we choose to follow the Beatitudes, for they codify, so to speak, the pattern of living Jesus established. In the **Gospel**, Jesus instructs His disciples in the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow and persecution. He tells the poor and the hungry, the mournful and the reviled, that the Kingdom of God is for them. These are God's preferred people. In poverty, we recognize our dependence on God; in hunger, God's providence; in sorrow for sins, reconciliation with God; and in persecution, and the true joy of standing for the Faith with heroic convictions. Jesus does not want to give a blanket support to poverty, weeping, hunger and hurt; these are not desirable states to be sought after. Destitute poverty is not a condition to be sought after, it is a condition to be avoided; it deprives human beings of their basic dignity. Nevertheless, it still remains true that Jesus' preference for the poor has a social basis.

Jesus himself, in His life and mission, knew the experience of rejection, betrayal, and abandonment. It was not adopted as some precious theological posture. It was the outcome of a life dedicated to God. The beatitudes are not prescription for becoming poor or hungry or mournful or afflicted. They are addressed to those who are already involved in committing themselves to the kingdom, and they give instances of what happens when the Kingdom arrives in the broken world. They speak of the variety of experiences that people go through as a result of getting involved in God's way of doing things. It is a promise that God can handle the poverty, the hunger, the tears, and the rejection. The promise is that God handles all those things, lifting His people out of them. That is the Good News! The vision of the God of beatitudes is the vision of a generous God, one who reverses the tragedy. For instance, "Blessed are you who weep" is the tragedy; "for you shall laugh" is the comedy. The comedy is the promise, not the tragedy. What makes one blessed is not simply poverty or hunger or sadness or suffering for the Faith but living these in the context of our commitment to Jesus and His spirit of sharing. The beatitudes must be understood as eschatological statements which see and evaluate the present in terms of the future glory and everlasting happiness.

The apostles are blessed because they have understood that the life of man is not dependent on the goods he owns. They are different from others who continue to reason with the arguments of the world, whose hearts are bound to the goods they own. These other ones lay their hopes of happiness on these goods; they are thus not free, not yet "blessed." Are we "blessed"? **Happy Sunday!**

### Sacramental Preparation – Confirmation

The sacramental preparation for Confirmation will again be coordinated by St. Aloysius parish. Anyone wishing to enroll in sacramental preparation for Confirmation please notifies the St. Aloysius Parish Secretary at 819-663-5244. Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Aloysius on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the 11:00 mass celebration.

## **Synodal Process**

Synodal process in the Archdiocese - the report of the first phase is now available on line.

Thanks to the collaboration of the generous people in the Archdiocese of Gatineau, nearly all of the parishes participated actively in this phase of the synodal process. Focus groups were held with targeted populations such as youth, young families, and people in long-term care facilities, new immigrants, members of church movements, and those belonging to religious communities. Priests, pastoral associates and secretaries were consulted to see how the diocesan team can better help them in their mission. You will find the [report](#) of this phase on the web site of the Archdiocese of Gatineau at [www.diocesegatineau.org](http://www.diocesegatineau.org).

## **OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS**

**Happy Birthday:** Best wishes are being sent to Ethel Pearson who celebrated her birthday on February 10. Also to Lorraine Cameron who turned 95 years young on February 11. May you both be blessed with continued good health and the love of your families and friends?

**St. Malachy Wardens':** *If you or anyone you know would like to become a warden, please submit his/her name to the church secretary at 819-986-3763 or Joan Teske at 819-281-5962.* Thank you.

**Sharing Kitchen for seniors:** The Sharing Kitchen is looking for seniors to join their group in fellowship. The kitchen has been a wonderful success, where a cross-section of participants meets on a monthly basis at St. Andrews Anglican Church. This group provides a great opportunity to make new friends, share your special recipes, learn about new recipes as well as enjoy a great meal and share life experiences.

If you are interested, please call John Carson at 819-986-9711. It will be a great investment in time spent.

**Upcoming Event (OLV):** At a recent Wardens meeting, the following items were discussed:

The ***Spring Supper and Balloon Auction*** will be held on **Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** with Spaghetti as the main menu item - more information to follow.

**Hall Rental:** Bill Cameron is the person to contact for rental of the hall. He can be reached at 819-986-8901.

***Also, the hall is rented during the week and you are asked to contact the office secretary at 819-986-3763 before entering to see about availability.***